Implementation of Molasses Decontrol Order by the States

1335. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's policy of decontrol of molasses announced more than a month ago is not being implemented by many States on the grounds that they have their own policy on molasses;

(b) if so, whether Government have urged the State Governments not to ignore the Centre's decision in this regard; and

(c) what is the present situation and in what manner Government propose to enforce its molasses decontrol order particularly in the States of U.P., Bihar, Punjab and Haryana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Most State Governments are in the process of adjusting their own laws and regulations to conform with the policy of decontrol of molasses. No State Government has taken the stand that they will not implement the decontrol policy. In certain States where there are State laws relating to control of molases, there are certain legal issues that need to be sorted out.

Price rise of molasses

1336. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of molasses has sharply risen after decontrol;

(b) the various downstream products of molasses that have been adversely affected;

(c) whether it is a fact that illicit liquor production has increased; and

(d) whether Indian-made foreign liquor has found a good foreign market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) There are reports indicating that there has been an increase in the price of molasses and a corresponding increase in the price of the principal downstream product, i.e. Ethyl Alcohol.

(c) and (d) No such report has come to the Government.

Post of Drug Advisor

1337. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Drug Advisor is lying vacant since last few years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no senior technical officer and the only junior technical officers are examining all issues concerning drugs; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to fill the post of Advisor (Drugs)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The post of Adviser (PI) has been vacant for some time. The vacancy was circulated in accordance with the recruitment rules. The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) was able to recommend a suitable candidate, who subsequently withdrew his candidature.

The technical officers examining issues concerning drugs cannot be said to be junior technical officers.

Madras Fertilizers Ltd., Madras

1338. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken so far to revamp the fertilizer complex of Madras Fertilizers Limited, Madras; and

(b) the amount allocated for this purpose and the likely date of completion?

THE MINISTER Op STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government have approved the revised cost estimates of Rs. 487 crores for revamping the plants of Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL) on 1.1.1993. MFL has signed consultancy contract agreements with reputed consultants. The company has also appointed FACT Engineering and Design Organisation (FEDO) and Industrial Consultancy Bureau (ICB) for detailed engineering of Ammonia and Urea plants, respectively.

(b) Government have already released an amount of Rs. 41.63 crores as equity to MFL as their contribution for revamp. The likely date of completion of the project is 30.6.1995.

Laminated jute bag

1339. PROF. SAURIN BHATTA-CHARYA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be .pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made it mandatory for the fertilizer companies to use laminated jute bags in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of jute packaging materials (compulsory use in packing commodities);

(b) whether all fertilizer corporations have been violating the provisions of the above mentioned Act in order to supply and distributing urea fertilizers; and

(c) what steps are being taken to put a stop to such violations for the detriment of jute industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): As per an Order issued by the Government of India under Section 3(1) of the Jute Pakaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987, 100 per cent production of only urea fertilizers is required to be compulsorily packed in jute packaging materials w.e.f. 1.7.1988.

(b) Some fertilizers companies have reported that they are facing difficulty in complying with the above mandatory provisions due to occasional poor quality of jute bags, non supply of jute bags in time and disruptions in supply of jute bags during the strike in the jute industry.

(c) All urea manufacturing fertilizers companies have been instructed to comply strictly with the legal provisions.

गोरखपुर उर्वरक एकक

1340. **श्री गया सिंह :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय उर्वरक निगम के गोरखपुर उर्वरक एकक के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए एक नये संयंत्र की स्थापना करने अथवा उसे पुनः चालू करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार इस एकक को कब तक पुनः चालू करने का विचार रखती है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फैलेरियो) : (क) और (ख) स्पिक, एस0एम0ओ, फीडो और पी डी आई एल द्वारा किये गये स्वास्थ्य सर्वेक्षण के आधार पर गोखरपुर संयंत्र के पुनरुद्धार तथा संयंत्र को पुनः चालू करने के लिए क्रमशः फीडो और पी डी ओ एल द्वारा एफ सी आई को अनुमान प्रस्तुत किये गये हैं। एफ सी आई के बोर्ड ने रिपोर्ट की जांच करने के पश्चात यह निष्कर्ष निकाला कि ये दोनों विकल्प वित्तीय रूप से अव्यवहार्य हैं । अतः एफ सी आई ने 837 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत पर नए 1500 टन प्रतिदिन यूरिया सहित 900 टन प्रतिदिन अमोनिया संयंत्र को स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव रखा है ।

(ग) एफ सी आई को औद्योगिक और वित्तीय पुनर्संरचना बोर्ड (बी आई एफ आर) द्वारा रुग्ण औद्योगिक कम्पनी (विशेष प्रावधान) अधिनियम 1985 के अन्तर्गत